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Applicants:

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PREPARATIONS FOR ADMINISTRATION OF HEPATOCYTE

GROWTH FACTOR

SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

The following preliminary remarks and amendments are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following claims:

--16. A method for treating or preventing ischemic disease or arterial disease in a patient in need thereof, comprising:

administering to the patient at a region of administration, an effective amount of a composition comprising Hepatocyte Growth Factor (HGF) as an active ingredient,

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